

IN THE CLAIMS

Ab 1. (Currently Amended) A method in a client-server environment, to manage the configuration of resources on at least one client, the method on a client system comprising the steps of:

receiving a configuration ~~template~~ on a computer readable medium containing one or more defined configuration settings, wherein the configuration was previously built through use of a graphical interface, and without the need to text edit logon scripts, and wherein the configuration is customized based on logon authentication to at least one user on a client system; and

executing an application program that takes the ~~template~~ configuration and applies at least one of the defined configuration settings to the client system so as to automatically configure for ~~at least one~~ the user on the client system, at least one configuration setting, wherein the application program is loaded and validates at least one of the configuration settings in the configuration based on logon authentication before applying it to the client system, and wherein the application executes after the client system boots-up, loads an operating system and before an operating system shell is presented to the user.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a configuration ~~template~~ includes receiving a configuration ~~template~~ containing one or more defined configurations from the group of configuration settings consisting of drive mappings, shell folders, printer deployment, proxy server access, application paths, service packs, anti-virus updates, policies and automatic mail profile creation

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a configuration ~~template~~ includes receiving a configuration ~~template~~ containing one or more defined configuration settings for ~~an~~ the operating system running on the client system.

Ab 4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a configuration ~~template~~ includes receiving a configuration template containing one or more defined configuration settings for an application running on the client system.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a configuration ~~template~~ includes receiving a configuration template containing one or more defined configuration settings for redirecting a resource on the client to a resource on a network

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a configuration ~~template~~ includes receiving a configuration template from a server system.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:
executing a interpretative engine that interprets the application program as source programming language; and wherein the step of executing an application program includes executing an application program on the interpretative engine.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of:
receiving a custom application script on a computer readable medium, the custom application script in a source programming that is interpreted by the interpretative engine; and wherein the step executing an application program includes executing an application program along with the custom application script so as to automatically configure for at least one user, at least one configuration setting.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein the step of executing an application program includes executing the custom application script prior to the execution of the application program so as to cause the application

program to alter at least one configuration setting differently then if the application program was executed after the custom application script.

Ab 10. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein the step of executing an application program includes executing the custom application script after the execution of the application program so as to cause the application program to alter at least one configuration setting differently then if the application program was executed prior to the custom application script.

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of executing an application program includes executing an application program that takes the templateconfiguration and applies at least one of the defined configuration settings to the client system so as to automatically configure for at least one user on the client system, at least one configuration setting if the combination of one or more predefined conditions for selected group, MAC address, user name, workstation name, TCP/IP address, host address, site, domain, operating system and connection method are met.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of executing an application program includes executing an application program that takes the templateconfiguration and applies at least one of the defined configuration settings to anthe operating system running on the client system so as to automatically configure for at least one user on the client system, at least one configuration setting if the combination of one or more predefined conditions for a selected group, MAC address, user name, workstation name, TCP/IP address, host address, site, domain, operating system and connection method are met.

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of executing an application program includes executing an application program that takes the templateconfiguration and applies at least one of the defined configuration settings to an application running on the client system so as to

AG automatically configure for at least one user on the client system, at least one configuration setting if the combination of one or more predefined conditions for a selected group, MAC address, user name, workstation name, TCP/IP address, host address, site, domain, operating system and connection method are met.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of executing an application program includes executing an application program that takes the ~~template~~configuration and applies at least one of the defined configuration settings to redirect a resource on the client to a resource on a network so as to automatically configure for at least one user on the client system, at least one configuration setting if the combination of one or more predefined conditions for a selected group, MAC address, user name, workstation name, TCP/IP address, host address, site, domain, operating system and connection method are met.

15. (Currently Amended) A method in a client-server environment, to manage the configuration of resources on at least one client, the method on a server system comprising the steps of:

presenting a graphical user interface to a user containing user selectable items representing one or more configuration settings for at least one user on at least one client system, wherein the settings is customized based on logon authentication to at least one user on the client system;

receiving one or more user selections on the graphical user interface;

storing the one or more user selections in a configuration ~~template~~ so as to automatically configure for at least one user on the client system, at least one configuration setting; and

transferring the configuration ~~template~~ to at least one client system so as to cause an application program to take the ~~template~~configuration and apply at least one of the defined configuration settings to the client system so as to automatically configure for ~~at least one the~~ user on the client system, at least one configuration setting, wherein the application program is loaded and

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validates at least one of the configuration settings based on logon authentication before applying it to the client system, and wherein the application executes after the client system boots-up, loads an operating system and before an operating system shell is presented to the user.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the step of receiving one or more selections includes receiving one or more configuration settings from the group of configuration settings consisting of drive mappings, shell folders, printer deployment, proxy server access, application paths, service packs, anti-virus updates, policies and automatic mail profile creation.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein the step of transferring a configuration ~~template~~ includes transferring a configuration ~~template~~ containing one or more defined configuration settings for ~~an~~ the operating system running on the client system.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein the step of transferring a configuration ~~template~~ includes transferring a configuration ~~template~~ containing one or more defined configuration settings for an application running on the client system.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein the step of transferring a configuration ~~template~~ includes transferring a configuration ~~template~~ containing one or more defined configuration settings for redirecting a resource on the client to a resource on a network.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein the step of transferring the configuration ~~template~~ includes transferring the configuration ~~template~~ to at least one client system so as to cause an application program to take the template configuration and apply at least one of the defined configuration settings to the client system so as to automatically configure for at least one user on the client system, at least one configuration setting if the

Ab combination of one or more predefined conditions for a selected group, MAC address, user name, workstation name, TCP/IP address, host address, site, domain, operating system and connection method are met.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the step of transferring the configuration ~~template~~ includes transferring the configuration ~~template~~ to at least one client system so as to cause an application program to take the ~~template~~configuration and apply at least one of the defined configuration settings to an operating system running on the client system so as to automatically configure for at least one user on the client system, at least one configuration setting if the combination of one or more predefined conditions for selected group, MAC address, user name, workstation name, TCP/IP address, host address, site, domain, operating system and connection method are met.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the step of transferring the configuration ~~template~~ includes transferring the configuration ~~template~~ to at least one client system so as to cause an application program to take the ~~template~~configuration and apply at least one of the defined configuration settings to an application running on the client system so as to automatically configure for at least one user on the client system, at least one configuration setting if the combination of one or more predefined conditions for a selected group, MAC address, user name, workstation name, TCP/IP address, host address, site, domain, operating system and connection method are met.

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the step of transferring the configuration ~~template~~ includes transferring the configuration ~~template~~ to at least one client system so as to cause an application program to take the ~~template~~configuration and apply at least one of the defined configuration settings to redirect a resource on the client to a resource on a network so as to automatically configure for at least one user on the client

AB system, at least one configuration setting if the combination of one or more predefined conditions for selected group, MAC address, user name, workstation name, TCP/IP address, host address, site, domain, operating system and connection method are met..

24. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing programming instructions on a client system in a client-server environment, the programming instructions for managing the configuration of resources on at least one client, the computer readable medium comprising the instructions of:

receiving a configuration ~~template~~ on a computer readable medium containing one or more defined configuration settings, wherein the configuration was previously built through use of a graphical interface, and without the need to text edit logon scripts, and wherein the configuration is customized based on logon authentication to at least one user on a client system; and

executing an application program that takes the ~~template~~configuration and applies at least one of the defined configuration settings to the client system so as to automatically configure for ~~at least one~~the user on the client system, at least one configuration setting, wherein the application program is loaded and validates at least one of the configuration settings in the configuration based on logon authentication before applying it to the client system, and wherein the application executes after the client system boots-up, loads an operating system and before an operating system shell is presented to the user.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 24, wherein the programming instruction of receiving a configuration ~~template~~ includes receiving a configuration ~~template~~ containing one or more defined configurations from the group of configuration settings consisting of drive mappings, shell folders, printer deployment, proxy server access, application paths, service packs, anti-virus updates, policies and automatic mail profile creation.

Ab 26. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 24, wherein the programming instruction of executing an application program includes executing an application program that takes the template configuration and applies at least one of the defined configuration settings to the client system so as to automatically configure for at least one user on the client system, at least one configuration setting if the combination of one or more predefined conditions for selected group, MAC address, user name, workstation name, TCP/IP address, host address, site, domain, operating system and connection method are met.

27. (Currently Amended) A client system to manage the configuration of at resource in a client-server environment comprising:

means for receiving a configuration ~~template~~ on a computer readable medium containing one or more defined configuration settings, wherein the configuration was previously built through use of a graphical interface, and without the need to text edit logon scripts, and wherein the configuration is customized based on logon authentication to at least; and

means executing an application program that takes the template configuration and applies at least one of the defined configuration settings to the client system so as to automatically configure for ~~at least one~~ the user on the client system, at least one configuration setting, wherein the application program is loaded and validates at least one of the configuration settings in the configuration based on logon authentication before applying it to the client system, and wherein the application executes after the client system boots-up, loads an operating system and before an operating system shell is presented to the user.

28. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 27, wherein the means for receiving a configuration ~~template~~ includes receiving a configuration ~~template~~ containing one or more defined configurations from the group of configuration settings consisting of drive mappings, shell folders, printer

AB deployment, proxy server access, application paths, service packs, anti-virus updates, policies and automatic mail profile creation.

29. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 27, wherein the means for executing an application program includes executing an application program that takes the template configuration and applies at least one of the defined configuration settings to the client system so as to automatically configure for at least one user on the client system, at least one configuration setting if the combination of one or more predefined conditions for selected group, MAC address, user name, workstation name, TCP/IP address, host address, site, domain, operating system and connection method are met.